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Forest & Environment Department

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To,

Regional Officer, IRO-Gandhinagar,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
A-407 & A-409, Aranya Bhavan,
CH-3 Circle, Sectr-10 A,
Gandhinagar-382010

Subject: Diversion of **1.308 ha.** Protected Forest for for construction of Western Dedicated Freight Corridor the land being acquired by Ministry of Railway in Village Chadotar, Palanpur Taluka in Banaskantha District in favour of Dy. Chief Project Manager, DFCIL, Ahmedabad.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter F.No. 6-GJB058/2021-BHO dated 08.06.2021 on the subject cited above and it is informed that:-

Sr. No.	Condition	Compliance
A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over to forest land by the State Forest Department :-		
1.	The cost of compensatory afforestation on the CA land (3.00 ha.) at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme (including the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars etc. as required for securing the land against encroachment) shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the Project Authority. The CA shall be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.	The User Agency has already transferred an amount of Rs.17,15,472/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation, Survey, Demarcation and Boundary pillars in the CAMPA fund.
2.	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 1.308 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 24/04/2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA No. 566 in WP © No. 202/1995 and	The User Agency has already deposited an amount of Rs.7,36,404/- towards the cost of Net Present Value in the CAMPA fund.

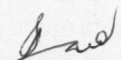
	as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt. II) dated 18.09.2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 and chapter 3 of FCA Handbook, 2019 in this regard.	
3.	The User Agency should prepare a site specific <i>Wildlife management plan</i> to mitigate the effect of the project over wildlife before the issuance of Stage-II approval and implemented by User Agency at their own project cost.	N.A. The Project Area is 14.320 km. away from Balaram Wild Life Sanctuary.
4.	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA fund only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in).	Funds from the user agency has been transferred online to the CAMPA fund through e-portal. (Page no.201)
5.	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.	The User Agency has submitted a FRA certificate from Collector Banaskantha-Palanpur.
6.	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per para of 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by the ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.	No Violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
7.	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in).	The Compliance report is uploaded on e-portal.
8.	The KML files of diverted area and CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details prior to Stage-II approval.	The User Agency has agreed
B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:-		
1.	Legal Status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.	The User Agency has agreed
2.	Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 3.00 ha degraded forest land at Survey No.5/pt, Village-Rampurvadala, Taluka-Palanpur, District-Banaskantha) at the cost of user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local native species shall be planted and monoculture of any species, especially non-native spaces should be avoided.	The User Agency has already deposited an amount of Rs.7,36,404/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation in the CAMPA fund.
3.	Additional amount of the NPV of the	The User Agency has already given

	diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	the undertaking in this regard.
4.	User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to 268/ minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department.	The User Agency has agreed
5.	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.	The User Agency has Agreed
6.	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.	The User Agency has Agreed
7.	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.	The User Agency has Agreed
8.	The User Agency shall provide alternative fuels preferably LPG to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.	The User Agency has Agreed
9.	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of the project life.	The User Agency has Agreed
10.	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.	The User Agency has undertaken that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose, other than that specified in the FCA Proposal.
11.	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Central Government.	The User Agency has agreed
12.	Sufficient firewood, preferably alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.	The User Agency has agreed
13.	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.	The User Agency has agreed

14.	The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts. Rules. Regulations, guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force. as applicable to the project.	The User Agency has Agreed
15.	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.	The User Agency has Agreed

In view of above and since the conditions of In-principle approval have already been complied with, it is requested to issue a formal approval.

Yours Faithfully,


(S. J. Pandit)

Additional Secretary

Forest & Environment Department

Encl. As above.

copy to:-

3. Nodal officer (FCA), Pr. Chief Conservator of Forest's Office, Gujarat State, 'Aranya Bhavan' Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar.
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